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1. MISSION TOOK CORRECT LINE IN RESPONDING TO SOVIET
CHARGE'S COMPLAINT ABOUT WESTERN RESISTANCE TO RESOLUTION.
AFTER CONSULTATION IN WESTERN CAUCUS, IN SUBSEQUENT
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DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH SOVIETS YOU SHOULD CONTINUE

TO EMPHASIZE THAT WORDING OF RESOLUTION IS NOT THE MAJOR FACTOR, BUT THE GENERAL QUESTION OF ITS APPROPRIATENESS IN ECE FORUM. GOAL OF IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS IS NOT SERVED BY PURSUING RESOLUTION, HOWEVER WELL-INTENTIONED, IN FACE OF OBVIOUS LACK OF CONSENSUS. WE OURSELVES SEE NO PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE IN PRESSING SUCH RESOLUTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, AND CAN HARDLY BE EXPECTED BY SOVIETS TO TWIST ARMS OF OTHERS WHO FEEL MORE STRONGLY.

2. YOU MIGHT REMIND SOVIETS INTER ALIA THAT US APPROACH TO V-E COMMEMORATION IS POSITIVE, AS SHOWN BY OUR ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR EXCHANGE OF VETERANS DELEGATIONS AND NAVAL VISITS. WE

REGARD SUCH ACTIVITIES AS APPROPRIATE TRIBUTE TO US-USSR WWII COOPERATION AND A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE THESE US-USSR EFFORTS TO EVOKE THE SPIRIT OF WARTIME COOPERATION, SO HELPFUL TO DETENTE, UNDERCUT BY POSSIBLE ILL FEELING AND CONTROVERSY RESULTING FROM AN ATTEMPT TO PUSH ADOPTION OF A V-E RESOLUTION IN THE FORTHCOMING ECE SESSION. INGERSOLL

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